

**WVSOM Board of Governors  
Academic Committee  
Friday, March 28, 2025 – 8:30 a.m.  
Location: Conference Center, located in the  
WVSOM Student Center**

**I. Call to Order/Roll Call**

The meeting was called to order by Dr. Peter Ward.

Members present were Dr. Peter Ward, Dr. Gary Poling, Student Doctor Ethan Galloway, OMS III.

**II. Approval of Minutes**

It was moved and seconded to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried.

**III. Committee Items**

**A. Update on Academic Management Software (*Linsenmeyer*)**

Dr. Machelie Linsenmeyer reported on the Elentra implementation and the need to continue with eMedley for the next academic year due to Elentra not being useful for Year 3 and 4 students. Challenges with the program have emerged, including problems with the grade book and grade forms, among other issues. The long-term plan is for Year 1 and 2 and master's program students to remain on Canvas and for a new system to be chosen for Year 3 and 4 students. An internal system was discussed as a viable option. Dr. Gary Poling asked how Elentra was chosen and asked that the names of the committee members who chose the software program be provided to the Academic Committee and the full board. Student Doctor Ethan Galloway asked that all committee minutes that resulted in Elentra being chosen be provided at the next Academic Committee meeting. Dr. Linsenmeyer stated that information can be provided.

**B. Update on COMAT Data (*Rubin*)**

Dr. Art Rubin provided the committee with current COMAT data. Overall, he is satisfied with students' performance on the COMATs.

**C. Update on Board Preparation and Performance for the Class of 2026 and 2027 (*McGuffin*)**

Dr. Aaron McGuffin provided an update on student preparation and performance on COMLEX. He also discussed prep resources currently provided to students and resources that may be used going forward.

D. Update on Retention Data (*Boyd*)

Dr. Linda Boyd reported that the new curriculum will lead to more student retention due to additional opportunities to retest. She also made the committee aware that statistics show no correlation between board performance and performance as a physician.

E. Update on Preliminary Match Data (*Frank*)

Dr. Abigail Frank informed the committee of the 100% Match placement for the Class of 2025. She discussed how the Research Scholar Elective has provided opportunities for students to bolster their CVs prior to the Match. She also mentioned her interest in developing a mentor program for high-interest specialties.

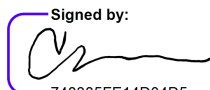
F. Hear reports from School's administration, gather information and prepare recommendations to full Board upon request of the Chair.

IV. **Next Committee Meeting Date:** Friday, June 13, 2025 (*John Manchin, II, D.O., Conference Center, Clinical Evaluation Center*)

V. **Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned.

Approved on September 24, 2025

Signed by:  
  
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Caitlyn Santer, D.O., Chair